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Com' Concil' tent' in Camera *Gibald'* Civitat'
LONDON, die *Veneris* Decimo nono die
Oktobr', Anno Regni Domini & Dominæ No-
 strorum, **WILLIELMI & MARIAE**, nunc
 Regis & Reginæ, *Angliae*, &c. Sexto : Coram
Willielmo Ashurst Mil', Major' dictæ Civitat';
Salathiel Lovell Mil', Servien ad Legem ac
 Recordat' ejusdem Civitat'; *Humphrido Edwyn*
Mil', *Richardo Levit Mil'*, & *Willielmo Hedges*
Mil' & Alderman'; Neenon Major' parte
 Communiar' dictæ Civitat' in eodem Com'
 Concil' tunc & ibidem Assemblat'.

*An ACT of Common Council for Regulating the Company
 of PLAISTERERS, London.*

WHICH BEGINS the Master and Wardens of
 the Guild or Fraternity of the Blessed
 MARY of PLAISTERERS, London,
 are, and very anciently have been a
 Brotherhood or Guild, and for confirmation
 and strengthning of Their Priviledges have
 obtained several ROYAL GRANTS, whereby, and
 by their Original Constitution, the said Fraternity or
 Guild ought to be and consist of all Persons using
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the Trade of a PLAISTERER, within the City
of LONDON and Liberties thereof.

Nevertheless many Persons, who use and exercise
the Trade of a PLAISTERER, have Obtained
their Freedoms of other Companies by Patrimony, Re-
demption, and otherwise, to the great Prejudice and
Inconveniencie of the said Company of PLAISTERERS:
By reason whereof many and great Frauds and De-
ceits have been used, practised and imposed upon the
Citizens of this City, and other Their Majesties good
Subjects, for want of due Government of the Artificers
exercising the said Trade, and for lack of frequent
and due Inspection and Search of and in the Plasterers
Work, which is wrought and done by them who are
not Members of the said Fraternity or Guild, and so
not subject to the good Government of the said Com-
pany, and to the good and whollom Laws and Ordin-
ances thereof; and thereby also the said Company of
Plasterers is of late years much lessened, decayed and
diminished, and in a short time will become Uncapable
of supporting themselves, and preserving the Just and
Honest use and exercise of the said Trade.

For Remedy and Reformation whereof, and to
the intent the aforesaid Mischiefs may be prevented in
time to come, and to the end the said Company may here-
after have the better and more easie and powerfull View,
Search and Oversight of all Batters material, and
Things pertaining and used in the said Trade, and to
the Faithful, Honest and Just Workmanship thereof, and
for the more effectual punishing all Frauds, Deceits,
Unskillful Workmanship, and other Offences in the
said Art and Trade done and committed:

Be it Enacted, Established and Ordained by the
Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen
his Brethren, and Commons, in this Common-
Council Assembled, and by the Authority of the same,
That from henceforth all and every person or persons,
hereafter Using or Exercising the said Trade of a
PLAISTERER, within the said City and Liberties
thereof, who hath or shall have Right or Priviledge
to be made free of this City by Patrimony, Service,
Redemption,

Redemption, or otherwise, by virtue of his Father's Freedom in any other Company, whereof his Father was, is or shall be Free, or by Service with any free-man of any other Company, shall (at the next Court of Assistants of the said Company of PLAISTERERS, after Notice thereto to him given, by the Clerk or Beadle of the said Company, by Order of the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the Time being) accept and take upon himself the Freedom, and be made a Free man of the said Company of Plasterers, in like manner and form as he could or might have been in any other Company whereof his Father or Master was so Free, as aforesaid; Any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, using or exercising, or which shall use or exercise the Trade of a PLASTERER, within the City of London, or Liberties thereof, who hath already served an Apprenticeship, or shall hereafter serve an Apprenticeship in the said Trade, and not yet made Free of this City; or who shall procure his Freedom by Redemption, Service or Payment of any other Company, than of the said Company of PLAISTERERS, and shall exercise the said Trade within the said City of London or the Liberties thereof, not being Free of the said Company of Plasterers; Then all and every such Person and Persons so doing and offending in all, either, or any the said Cases, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, the Sum of Ten Pounds of Lawful Money of England, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill or Plaintiff; to be Commenced and Prosecuted in the Name of the Chamberlain of the said City of London, for the time being, in Their Majesties Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to be Holden in the Chamber of the Guild-Hall of the said City for the Time being, in all such Suits to be Prosecuted by virtue of this present Act against any such Offenders, shall Recover his ordinary Costs of Suit, to be Expended in and about the Prosecuting the same.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one Moiety of all such Forfeitures, to be recovered by Virtue of this present ACT (the Costs of Suit for recovery of the same being first deducted and allowed) after recovery and receipt thereof, shall be from time to time paid to the Chamberlain of the said City, to the use of the Mayor, Comminalty and Citizens of the said City of London ; and the other Moiety to the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Company of Plaisterers for the time being, for the Use of the Poor of the said Company.

And that in case the Chamberlain for the Time being, shall be Nonsuited; or any Verdict or Judgment be given for the Defendant or Defendants, in any such Action to be brought by virtue of this ACT, That then the Costs of such Nonsuit, Verdict or Judgment, shall be paid and born by the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Company of PLAISTERERS for the Time being; and the said Chamberlain to be fully indemnified and saved harmless, by the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, of and from the same : Any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons, Using or Exercising the said Trade of a PLAISTERER within this City or the Liberties thereof, shall be from henceforth Admitted by the Chamberlain of this City for the time being, into the Freedom or Liberties thereof, in any other Company, than the said Company of PLAISTERERS; Any Law or Custom of this City to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Goodfellow.